VISION OF OUR ADVOCATE

Acts 6:8-7:60

Stephen set his vision on Christ in how he <u>lived</u>.

Acts 6:8-15

Stephen set his vision on Christ with his <u>speech</u>.

Acts 7:1-53

Stephen set his vision on Christ in how he <u>died</u>.

Acts 7:54-60

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

- 1. In your life, how does what you're focused on relate to how much thankfulness you have?
- 2. Read Acts 6:8-15. What do you see in Stephen's character that you'd like to emulate? How can you cultivate these traits?
- 3. Take time to read Stephen's entire speech in Acts 7:1-53. Where do you see the following:
 - a. Boldness?
 - b. God's Presence is not restricted to a particular place?
 - c. Confidence in God's Word?
- 4. How does having our vision set on Christ impact our speech? (see Acts 6:10; Col 4:6; Eph 4:29; 1 Pet 3:15; Luke 12:12-15)
- 5. Read Acts 7:54-60. What stands out to you about Stephen's vision of Christ?
- 6. What does it mean that Christ is your advocate and intercessor (see Matt 10:32-33; Romans 8:34; Heb 7:25; 1 John 2:1)? How does this encourage you with what you're dealing with in your life right now?
- 7. What are you thankful for today?

